

REMARKS

The preliminary amendment adds new dependent claims 113 – 124, which relate to the removal of steganograms as described with respect to Fig. 10. No new matter is added by the present amendments.

Claims 1-124 appear in the application.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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